

Rainbow Connection

Rainbow Dreams Academy Parent Newsletter
950 W. Lake Mead Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89106
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"We Strive, We Believe, We Achieve"



Meet your RDA Chancellor!

Mr. King Duncan

"It's not about me, it's about the kids"

Mr. Duncan is fully committed to being the change that he wishes to see in the world. He has been a staple on the Historic West Side of Las Vegas for the past 6 years where he has worked as a tireless educator who believes that ALL of our children can learn at the highest levels. Mr. Duncan holds a Bachelor's Degree in Political Science with a Minor in Psychology from Florida A&M University and Masters of Educational Leadership from National Louis University. Mr. Duncan has completed 54 post Master Degree hours in Educational Leadership with a focus on Special Education and Charter School Administration. This accreditation lead to his licensing as a K-12 Administrator and while dually being a licensed teacher in Nevada. Mr. Duncan has presented at conferences across Florida and in Louisiana. In addition, he has presented internationally in Ghana West Africa where he was able to travel to local schools and meet with administrators and education officials from the government of Ghana. Mr. Duncan is fully committed to the community that he serves. He currently is the President of the Las Vegas United Negro College Fund. As the President of the Las Vegas UNCF chapter Mr. Duncan has presided over an organization that has raised over \$50,000 dollars and distributed over \$30,000 dollars in scholarship dollars to Las Vegas students going to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. In addition, he is the immediate past Western Regional Director of the National Alumni Council of the UNCF, which oversaw the NAC Chapter Presidents in the Western United States. Mr. Duncan has over 17 years of counseling and educational experience.



October Calendar **September 15th – October 15th Is Hispanic** **Heritage Month!**

October 5th – ALL Payments Due for Cookie Dough Orders!
October 9th – End of Middle School Quarter One Grading Period
October 10th – Start of Quarter Two Grading Period
October 11th – Early Release 8:00am – 1:30pm
MS Report Card Pickup 2:00pm – 6:00pm
October 16th – 20th – Scholastic Book Fair
October 18th – Early Release 8:00am – 1:30pm
October 25th – Annual Harvest Festival 2:00pm – 4:00pm
October 26th – No School for Students; Professional Development for Teachers
October 27th – No School – Nevada Day
October 30th – November 17th – NWEA Testing
November 6th – Cookie Dough Delivery Pick-Up 3pm-5:30pm



Cookie Dough Fundraiser

We kicked off this awesome fundraiser on September 21st. Help your students class win a cookie party, pizza party OR popcorn party!

We will be accepting cash, credit/debit cards and money orders only; NO checks!
Orders and money due back on October

5th!

Orders will be delivered November 6th
from 3:00pm-5:30pm

Cardigan and Jacket Reminder!

As the weather turns cooler, please be advised that students are to be in RDA Logo Navy Blue cardigan! Students not in appropriate Navy Blue or Black attire will be asked to remove their sweater or jacket. Students should NOT be outside of uniform in the classroom. Students may wear heavier coats outside during the fall/winter season; RDA requests that these coats be blue or black to comply with the uniform policy.

Dream Care Payments

You can now pay for Dream Care online at our website: www.rainbowdreamsacademy.org!

You can also pay when you pick up or drop off your students with check or money order; please do not bring cash.

Morning Care starts at 6:30am; Evening care ends at 6:00pm. Cost is \$3 for morning, \$8 for the afternoon or \$11 per day.

Meet your RDA Directors!

Mrs. Lewis

Director of STEM

Education: Buffalo State College, National Louis University

Mrs. Lewis LOVES math and strongly believes that with the knowledge of math you can do anything! She has a unique way of connecting with all students and forming a strict bond; letting students know she cares while also letting them know she means business and that rules will be followed. She is very proud of being from New York and is always full of energy!

Ms. Williams

Director of SFA and Arts/Humanities

Education:

M.S. Education Administration

B.S. Elementary Education from Wayne State University

A.A. Mental Health from Wayne County Community College

Ms. Williams taught 1st-5th grade for 14 years in Detroit before moving to Las Vegas in December 2013 with her son. Her daughter joined her in Las Vegas 2 years later.

She enjoys sale and thrift shopping and watching Big Bang Theory re-runs.



Absence notes

Parents and Guardians, when your student is absent please make sure to send them with an Absence Note on the day they return to school.

Unverified absences can impact your student's grade!

Welcome Ms. Howard!

We are pleased to announce we have added Ms. Howard to our Middle School Team! Ms. Howard will be teaching ELA for our middle school students.

Education: Governors State University, National University, Indiana Wesleyan University and Sierra Nevada College

Born: June 21st

Hobby: Shopping Secondhand

Welcome to RDA Ms. Howard, we are glad you are part of our team!

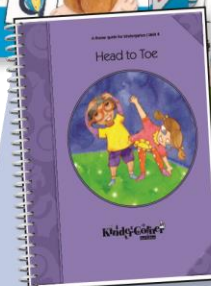
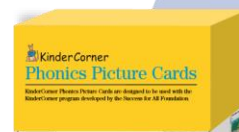
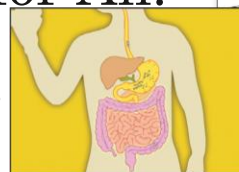


Your child's school will be implementing Success for All.

What can you expect for your child?

Active and engaging instruction based on research-proven strategies

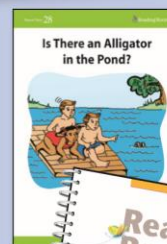
- The entire school will have a 90-minute reading block during which students are grouped according to their current reading levels.
- Children who are struggling will receive tutoring to help them catch up quickly.
- Children will be assessed at the end of each grading period on individual progress and then regrouped accordingly.



What will you be asked to do?

The Success for All reading program is designed to help parents and family members play active roles in their children's education.

- You will be invited to participate with reading homework.
- You will receive more contact from your child's teacher about his or her progress in school.
- You might be asked to volunteer at school or attend special events.



What can you expect from teachers and school leaders?

To facilitate student success, teachers and school leaders will receive onsite coaching and assistance with goal setting, action planning, and student progress monitoring. You can expect:

- engaging and interactive classroom materials for students to share,
- early recognition of how your child needs to be challenged to succeed in school,
- frequent classroom grades and assessment results, and
- a behavior management approach that teaches children to think critically, solve problems productively, and work cooperatively in teams.



The mission of the Success for All Foundation is to develop and disseminate research-proven educational programs to ensure that all students, from all backgrounds, achieve at the highest academic levels.

These programs were originally developed at Johns Hopkins University.

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